

# AMERICA NOW IN WORLD WAR

## Final Vote Comes After Debate Lasting All Day And Night House Passes War Resolution By A Vote Of 373 to 50

WASHINGTON, April 6.—The United States is in war today. Amid the most dramatic scenes ever witnessed in congress the house shortly after 3 o'clock this morning passed the war resolution which formally declared Germany to be an enemy and launched the United States into fight for the democracy of the world. The vote in the house was 373 to 50. A woman furnished the most dramatic scene ever witnessed in the House of representatives.

### War Was Officially Declared At 1:13 This Afternoon

PRESIDENT WILSON AFFIXED HIS SIGNATURE TO THE WAR RESOLUTION EXACTLY AT 1:13 THIS AFTERNOON—IMMEDIATELY ORDERS WERE FLASHED TO THE WARSHIPS AT SEA AND TO ALL THE FORTS IN THE UNITED STATES.

WASHINGTON, April 6.—War was declared at 1:13 o'clock this afternoon.

At exactly that hour President Wilson signed the joint resolution passed by the house and senate declaring that a state of war exists between the United States and Germany.

As the president affixed his signature to the document Lieutenant Commander Byron McCandless' signaled across the street to the navy department that war was formally on and orders were flashed out from the government wireless to the warships at sea and to the forts of the United States.

The resolution was formally reported to the senate as having been passed by the house and senate and was signed by Speaker Clark at 12:10 p. m.

Vice President Marshall affixed his signature to the paper at 12:13 p. m.

It took just three minutes for the momentous measure to run its course in the senate and in about four minutes it was ready to leave the senate chamber.

The White House this afternoon published an official proclamation declaring that a state of war exists between the United States and Germany.

Before the bill was out of the room the senate had resumed its usual slow and dignified course.

The clerk of the senate proceeded to read more telegrams and letters demanding war or peace—and the senate and vice president had finished their bits toward declaring a state of war. The bill was sent to the office of Secretary of the Senate.

Baker. There the single sheet of parchment containing two of the three signatures needed to plunge the nation into war was wrapped up carefully, sealed and tied liberally with the red tape that accompanies such measures to the capitol and was dispatched to the White House.

It was twenty-two minutes after the vice president signed the bill until it was on its way to the White House to receive the president's final signature.

The proclamation declaring that a state of war exists between the United States and Germany was ready for distribution to all diplomats as soon as the president had signed the war resolution. The Swiss minister, at his own initiative, will inform Germany of the proclamation.

### Loyalty Demonstration Will Be Held Tonight



PRESIDENT WILSON

#### OUR FLAG.

Your flag and my flag,  
There it flies today,  
Over your land and my land  
Half a world away;  
Blood red, rose red,  
Its stripes forever gleam;  
Pure white, soul white,  
Our good forefathers' dream.  
Sky blue, true blue,  
The stars that shine aright—  
A glorious guidon of the day,  
A shelter through the night.

Your flag and my flag,  
And oh, how much it holds—  
Your land and my land  
Safe within its folds,  
Your heart and my heart  
Beats quicker at the sight,  
Sun-kissed and wind-tossed  
The red, the blue, the white.  
The one flag, the great flag,  
The flag for me and you;  
Glorified, all else beside  
The red, the white, the blue.



At a mass meeting of the Chamber of Commerce directors this morning it was decided to put forth their best efforts to make the patriotic demonstration scheduled for tonight the biggest success possible. Men who put the love of their country above matters of business announced that they were ready to spend the day working in the interest of the loyalty meeting to be held tonight at Getzendaner park. It is the earnest desire of the Chamber of Commerce that local differences be side-tracked and that the people come together for an hour's program to demonstrate the loyalty of Waxahachians to the country's flag.

There is a grave crisis confronting the government officials and it is worth something to know that they have the support of the people as a whole in their every undertaking. Patriotism, unity of purpose and loyalty have characterized the movements of President Wilson in handling a most delicate situation, and now that the nation is unavoidably plunged into war the citizens owe it to the president to uphold his hands and give him every possible aid.

Each and every loyal American citizen is urged to be present tonight, witness the flag raising and pledge your resources to congress and the president. A call is made for Waxahachians to do her full part tonight. Will she arise to the emergency?

Mayor E. B. Prince issued the following proclamation early today calling upon the people to respond to the loyal demonstration call:

Loyalty Proclamation.  
"Whereas, the congress of the United States has by overwhelming vote declared that a state of war between the United States and the imperial government of Germany exists, and is formally declared, I, as mayor of the City of Waxahachie, hereby call upon the citizens to participate in the loyalty demonstration to be held at Getzendaner park tonight at 7:15 o'clock, and further that you as citizens, lend every aid and resource to the government in

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### COMPTROLLER REFUSES TO PAY WARRANT OF SENATOR WHILE SICK

#### HOG MARKET OPENS TWENTY CENTS HIGHER

CHICAGO, April 6.—The hog market opened strong at 20 cents higher today. Tons sold at \$15.95 per hundred pounds.  
Pigs sold from \$11.00 to \$14.60 per hundred.

#### CONGRESS AWAITING PLANS FOR RAISING WAR REVENUE

WASHINGTON, Apr 6.—"No step toward raising the revenue for the huge war budget will be taken until some more definite plan is obtained of the amount to be raised." Representative Garner of Texas, leader of the ways and means committee, declared today after a conference with Secretary McAdoo.

AUSTIN, Texas, April 6.—Comptroller Terrell today declined to issue a warrant for \$175 in favor of Senator W. D. Suitor of Winnsboro for expenses incurred while the senator was ill during the regular session of the Thirty-fifth legislature and one in favor of Senator R. M. Johnston of Houston for \$270 to defray expenses of the senator as a delegate to the Confederate reunion in June.

Both accounts were presented to the comptroller's department for the issuance of a warrant by authority of a resolution passed and adopted by the senate.

In declining to issue the warrants Comptroller Terrell advised Hon. John D. McCall, secretary of the senate, that he was unable to find any statutory authority whereby checks could be issued and for that reason he felt called upon to reject the application.

#### HEAR RUMORS OF SUBS IN THE GULF

GALVESTON, Texas, April 6.—Rumors that the government has evidence of the presence in the Gulf of Mexico of a number of German submarines, caused many people to apply for insurance against bombardment, riot and civil disturbances today.

#### BRITISH STEAMER SUNK ONE AMERICAN ABOARD

WASHINGTON, April 6.—The unwarmed torpedoing of the British steamer Cannizara, carrying an American fireman, was reported to the state department by the consul at Hull, England, today. No lives were lost.

Miss Jeanette Rankin of Montana,

amid an embarrassing silence and weeping, marched half way down the aisle from her seat at the rear of the chamber. A storm that had ripped through Washington like a noisy horde of marching cavalry and that equaled even the intensity of the storm during President Wilson's address, was raging outside. Even in the closely crowded galleries and chamber the intermittent rumbling of thunder could occasionally be heard.

"I want to stand by my country," said this woman, choking, "but—I can't vote for war."

Thunderous, hysterical applause, from pacifists and pro-war sides of the house alike, greeted this frank admission—woman's first official vote in the house.

One had to yell and applaud to jam down the lump in the throat. But "the lady from Montana" had slipped out a side door, grief-stricken, and she heard but little of the ovation.

For seventeen hours the house had been in continuous session, veiling, debating, almost fighting over the momentous question.

Thirty-two republicans, sixteen democrats, including Jeff McCombs of Texas, one socialist and one prohibitionist voted against the resolution.

For the first time in history a woman voted on the question of war. With a sob and protesting love for her country she voted "no."

President Wilson signed the state of war resolution making war against Germany a reality immediately after Vice President Marshall had signed it and it was sent to the White House. The president performed this ceremony at the White House.

The first blows will be struck immediately against Germany.

Secret orders covering precautionary steps within and without the nation will be flashed from Washington at once.

The government has under consideration the calling upon the big financiers of the country to take up the best means of floating bond issues in addition to increasing taxes generally to meet the enormous army and navy estimates. Senator Simmons, chairman of the senate finance committee, has suggested this course. The senator himself, along with many other congressional leaders, appears staggered at the proportion

of the estimates.

Beside the fifty million dollar appropriation which was asked for at the opening of the Spanish-American war, the present war budget gives some idea of the magnitude of the operations planned by this government in its war against the kaiser.

Orders for the seizure of German vessels interned in American harbors have gone forth and this task was under definite way this forenoon.

While the war steps proceeded, the prospects of other American nations being brought into the struggle loomed up.

Brazil was reported in news dispatches to be on the break at trouble with Germany, while from Argentina came reports of British pressure to force the lifting of the wheat embargo.

Within our own nation all government departments are redoubling their energies in the war tasks. There is to be a spirit of co-operation and co-ordination that will profit by the mistakes of other warring nations toward the end that America's war machine shall operate smoothly and capably. What these are the administration is concealing because of their military nature.

The nation is now ready for money for its men. Two million youths will be wanted in the next two years. Billions of dollars will be required.

Measures covering both these great needs are drafted and ready for congressional action. Measures for a great war budget asking for over three billion dollars are up for discussion before the house appropriations committee.

The military committees of both houses have been informed of the administration's selective conscription bill to raise great armies.

The closing hours of congress' debate on the war measure were thrilling with patriotism, though, however, there ran a chord of pacifism.

Miss Jeanette Rankin, a woman member from Montana, tearfully announced that while she wanted to support her country she could not vote for war. Her evident grief had the signs of a mental struggle brought cheers from warriors and pacifists alike.

President Wilson meets with his cabinet today to further consider the subject of finances. It is probable that some definite program to raise money will be agreed upon for submission to the leaders in congress.

### BRAZIL MAY DECLARE WAR ON GERMANY

SINKING OF A BRAZILIAN STEAMER AND THE KILLING OF THREE BRAZILIAN CITIZENS HAS AROUSED INTENSE INDIGNATION—IMMEDIATE DECLARATION OF WAR EXPECTED.

RIO DE JANEIRO, April 6.—Brazil may declare war against Germany.

The official announcement of the sinking of the Brazilian steamer Parana and the killing of three Brazilian citizens has aroused an intense anti-German feeling here.

"The situation is most grave; a declaration of war against Germany may be declared," declared Foreign Secretary Muller today.

It is generally expected that Brazil will seize all German ships interned in her harbors and immediately proclaim hostilities against Germany. There is intense anxiety here today as to how the situation will be affected by the presence of 500,000 Germans in the Brazilian state of Rio Grande.

Information received here indicates that Bolivia will probably follow Brazil in declaring war against Germany.

#### GERMAN SHIPS AT NEW ORLEANS SEIZED.

New Orleans, La., April 6.—The federal authorities early today seized the German interned ships Breslau and Andromeda at this port. The crews were removed and taken to the immigration station.

#### AMERICA TAKES UP THE CROSS OF WAR.

WASHINGTON, April 6.—America's decision to enter the war for humanity came on Good Friday, the day that Christ died for humanity.

While a storm raged outside and the wind whipped the capitol building and rain poured down through the darkness, members of the house solemnly voted for America to take up the cross of war.

#### GERMAN SHIPS TO BE SEIZED BY GOVERNMENT.

NEW YORK, April 6.—Ninety-one German ships have been or will be seized by the government immediately. These vessels, representing a tonnage of 594,696, are lying in nearly every port in this country.